In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh.

CWP No. 19330 of 2006

Date of Decision: 7.12.2006

Kamaljit Singh and another.

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others.

....Respondents.

Coram:- Hon'ble Mr.Justice J.S. Khehar.
Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.D. Anand.

Present: Mr. M.L. Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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J.S. Khehar, J. (Oral).

Petitioner No.1 was inducted into service as a Social Studies Master, whereas, petitioner No.2 was appointed as a Punjabi Master. Both the petitioners claim promotion to the cadre of Lecturers. Petitioner No.1 claims promotion as Lecturer in Political Science, and petitioner No.2 claims promotion as Lecturer in Punjabi.

The aforesaid claim is based on the promotion of respondents No.4 and 5, to the cadre of Lecturers w.e.f. 6.8.2001. It is the vehement contention of the learned counsel for the petitioners, that respondents No.4 and 5 were junior to the petitioners in the cadre of Masters, and as such, the petitioners ought to have been promoted to the cadre of Lecturers before respondents No.4 and 5. It is, therefore, that the petitioners claim

promotion to the cadre of Lecturers in their respective fields of Political Science and Punjabi, respectively, w.e.f. 6.8.2001.

It is not possible for us to accept the aforesaid claim of the petitioners for the reason, that respondents No.4 and 5 were inducted into service, in the first instance, as Science Masters, and were subsequently, promoted in their respective fields of Science to the cadre of Lecturers, on 6.8.2001. The petitioners are not claiming promotion to the specialization against which respondents No.4 and 5 were promoted to the cadre of Lecturers. As such, the claim of the petitioners cannot be treated as at par or in parity with respondents No.4 and 5.

For the reasons recorded above, we find no merit in the instant writ petition and the same is, accordingly, dismissed.

(J.S. Khehar)
Judge.

(S.D. Anand)
Judge.

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